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SUBJ: PEACE HAWK FOLLOW ON PROGRAMS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING LETTER NUMBER 3/4/3/833/5091 FROM ACTING MINISTER OF DEFENSE PRINCE FAHAD, DATED AUGUST 4, 1974, QUOTE: DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR: AS YOU KNOW THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE HAS FIFTY F-5B/E AIRCRAFT IN ITS INVENTORY. THESE AIRCRAFT WERE PROCURED FROM THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ARE CONFIGURED WITH SEVERAL SYSTEMS PECULIAR TO SAUDI AIRCRAFT. THE SYSTEMS INCLUDE INERTIAL NAVIGATION, IN FLIGHT REFUELLING, PHOTO RECONNAISSANCE AND MANY OTHERS ALL OF WHICH ARE REQUIRED IN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF RSAF ROLES AND MISSIONS. (PARA) LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THESE SYSTEMS HAS BEEN PROVIDED THROUGH A CONTRACTOR DEPOT TYPE OPERATION SET UP BY THE USAF IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORTHROP AIRCRAFT CORPORATION AND ADMINISTERED AND MANAGED USING A FOREIGN MILITARY SALES (FMS) CASE, SR-BAR. THIS CONCEPT OF SUPPORT WAS NECESSARY BECAUSE THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT HAS NO PROCUREMENT FUNCTION IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH CAN COPE WITH SUCH A COMPLEX OPERATION. (PARA) THE USAF HAS STATED THAT THE ABOVE FMS CASE WILL TERMINATE AUGUST 1975 AND WILL NOT BE RENEWED. (PARA) THE RSAF IS HIGHLY SATISFIED

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WITH THE SUPPORT PROVIDED THROUGH THIS CASE AND HAS NO

DESIRE TO HAVE IT TERMINATED. (PARA) IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IN LIGHT OF THE MAGNITUDE OF FOREIGN MILITARY SALES TO THE SAUDI GOVERNMENT, BOTH IN THE PAST AND THOSE IN THE FUTURE, NOT TO MENTION SIZEABLE CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT IN OTHER AREAS, THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD BE HAPPY TO ACCOMMODATE OUR DESIRE. (PARA) REQUEST YOUR GOOD OFFICES ASSIST IN HAVING FMS CASE SR-BAR EXTENDED THREE YEARS BEYOND ITS PRESENT EXPIRATION DATE. UNQUOTE.

2. WE PROPOSE TO SEND FAHAD INTERIM REPLY STATING THAT AMBASSADOR WILL, AFTER RETURNING FROM VACATION, ASK CHUSMTM TO BRIEF HIM ON MATTER, AND WILL INSURE THAT A DECISION WILL BE MADE AFTER CAREFUL CONSIDERATION AND TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL FACTORS INVOLVED ETC. REQUEST YOUR COMMENT/CONCURRENCE ON INTERIM REPLY, PLUS BACKGROUND ON ISSUES INVOLVED. ALSO SUGGEST INCLUSION THIS MATTER ON AGENDA MONTHLY CHUSMTM EMBASSY BRIEFING NOW SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER FIRST.
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